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Dear Al,

My earlier letter was returned when I wrote you at CCI.

We've been pretty busy. Vince Salandria and Gary Schoener came down two weeks ago, Gary staying. He left for a few days and Hal Verb came, then Gary returned, and today both left, after getting in a little work at the Archives. Hal will soon be going back to the west coast. It was good being able to get together with them, but hard keeping up a work schedule at the same time. Gary was beaten to within a hair of his life. He is in remarkably fine spirits for a young man who lost an eye.

Had a card from Steve but there is now no chance for reply before he starts back. Sorry he wont be stopping off. I'd have liked for him to have read the three unpublished books I have, as the others did.

Some time ago I asked that a full set of the newsletter "Innovator" be obtained for me. Kerry Thornley was a contributing editor. I keep hearing rumors they, meaning Thornley and Lifton, will be filing suits against me. I am therefore more interested then I was. I do not think they will be insane enough to do so lemming-like a thing, but I want to be as prepared as possible should they. I want to see all of the Innovators, particularly Thornley's writing. This fool who makes new definitions as he goes says he never fingered Oswald as "red" yet in this sheet alone wrote of "Comrade Oswald". That I have. Regardless of whether or not they sue, I want to see all the writing, if possible. I now have a fair collection of it, and it is not a pretty self-portrait.

Can you in any way help get my rifle back? It has been months now. I have the right sight for it and want to mount it.

If there are any more diatribes in Open City I'd appreciate copies when they appear so I can respond.

Best regards to everyone.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg